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OPEN LETTER FROM ALLEN

To the students of LSUS:

The fall semester of 1972 has been an unforgettable experience for me as S.G.A. President. I've found myself being diplomatic when I really didn't want to be and being rude when I had no right to be. I've been called every derogatory name imaginable and I've made some pretty derogatory remarks myself. It has been a mixture of bliss and misery in equal proportions, and I would recommend it to anyone, but I'm glad it's over.

In the course of the semester S.G.A. has done things for the students, both directly and not so directly. We were instrumental in opening the library on Sunday, in securing hot food service for next semester, and so on. But it is not my purpose to pat myself on the back. My purpose is to pat the backs of the student body.

"Thanks for the Opportunity"

First, I want to say thanks for giving me the opportunity to do something, regardless of whether or not you think I did anything. Although it may have looked like it to some, it was never my intention to "sit on my duff and play lord and master," or to portray the part of "a spoiled campus wheel." The students have shown more interest in this semester than in any other. This is probably entirely because of the achievement of our four-year status, but I like to think I did something to build interest.

I enjoyed a very active Senate and an active student body. They aided me at the fair booth and in the field day, the movies, the dance. I simply could have done nothing without them. Student publications played its role. Almagest never failed to "write up" the S.G.A. even if it wasn't always complimentary. Bagatelle has been more than kind to me.

To Administrators, Faculty, Thanks Also

The Dean has been very cooperative this semester and deserves a lot of credit. Dr. Kenneth Purdy has bent over backwards for the students. Dr. Howell and Dr. Brashier also should be recognized for their contributions. The faculty has been a great help to me (especially for overlooking my frequent and excessive absences). Don Parker, Sherry Bolin, and Steve Kaufman have all done excellent jobs. But a special word of thanks from me goes to all of those who have appreciated or enjoyed just one thing I might have done for them.

I have loved LSUS, and I wish it well. I am going now to the "big" campus to mingle with the masses. Good luck and goodbye to all.

Sincerely,
Bill Allen, President
Student Government Association



DR. MERRILL ELLIS of North Texas State University at Denton, is shown performing on the Moog Synthesizer, which he brings to LSUS for a concert.

DOM Aiding Christmas "Toys" Drive

By Charles Cornett

In conjunction with the Marine Corps Reserve's annual "TOYS FOR TOTS" campaign, Delta Omicron Mu, LSUS veterans fraternity, is sponsoring a campus "TOYS FOR TOTS" drive to run from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15.

According to Captain William R. Hall, commanding officer of Company B, 4th Military Police Battalion, this will be the 20th drive conducted in the Shreveport-Bossier area. "If the coming campaign is as successful at those in past years, we expect to make a lot of children happy this Christmas," Captain Hall said.

18,000 Toys

Last year, the local Marine reservists, working with local business and civic groups, collected 18,000 new and used toys which were turned over to the Salvation Army and the Christian Service Program for distribution to needy children. Marine reserve units are spearheading toy drives in more than 200 cities in 45 of the 50 states. More than five million toys are collected annually.

If you are wondering what types of toys are acceptable the following suggestions may help. Puzzles and games are excellent contributions as long as they are complete. Metal toys are preferred since they can be repaired, and plastic toys are fine if they are not broken. Dolls are extra welcome as are bicycles or parts of bicycles.

Drop-off Points

Drop-off locations around the school will be located in the Snak-Shak, the ground floor of the Science Building and the second floor of the Library Building.

Any person who has toys they would like to donate but does not have a way to get them to the school may contact any DOM member for

The members of DOM would like to urge all students and faculty to do their bit and help make this Christmas a special one for the poor and needy children of the Shreveport area.

Ellis Moog Concert Set For January

Dr. Merrill Ellis, composition teacher and director of Electronic Music Center, North Texas State University, Denton, will perform on his E-11 Moog electric synthesizer, Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

The synthesizer has a piano keyboard with a control panel over it and produces sound waves above the audibility of the human ear. The synthesizer can press or expand octaves and can produce 223 separate fractional steps with one conventional octave.

"Some day in the future, music may reach us through not only sound, but sight, touch, smell and taste as well," Ellis said.



TONY SANDERS, PRISCILLA FROST AND KAY ROGERS, members of Sigma Alpha Upsilon, psycholinguistics fraternity, perform during "Little Red Riding Hood," one of several children's plays which is staged as a part of the group's children's readers' theatre. The series of one-act plays was staged last week at the Broadmoor branch of Shreve Memorial Library.

New Degree Programs, Too

Shipp Announces Fee Hike; OK's Colors, Mascot Search

Increased student fees, and seven new proposed degree programs, five of them in the allied health field, have been announced by Dean Donald E. Shipp.

Tuition costs per regular semester for students taking 12 or more hours will be increased to \$120. Fees for regular semester students carrying 10-11 hours work will be \$100; 7-9 hours, \$80; 4-6 hours, \$60 and \$45 for 1-3 hours work.

Summer Fees

Summer semester fees will increase to \$60 for students carrying 6 or more hours; \$50 for students carrying 4-5 hours and \$40 for those taking 1-3 hours.

Non-resident fees, to be charged in addition to regular tuition, for regular semester students, will range from \$120 for students taking 1-3 hours up to \$315 for students enrolled full time. Students taking 10-11 hours, who are declared out-of-state residents, will pay a \$275 non-resident fee; those taking 7-9 hours, a fee of \$220, and \$160 will be assessed non-residents taking 4-6 hours.

Summer Non-resident Fees

Summer semester non-resident fees, in addition to regular tuition, will be \$155 for students taking 6 or more hours; \$120 for 4-5 hours work and \$85 for students enrolled for 1-3 hours.

Shipp said the new degree programs approved by the LSU Board of Supervisors last Friday, still must be approved by the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education. The proposed new programs are bachelor of science degrees in Health Care Facility Administration, Administrative X-Ray Technology, and Medical Technology; associate science degrees in Medical Laboratory Technology, Mental Health, and Law Enforcement and the associate general studies degree.

Fees to Student Activities

The LSUS dean said funds derived from the increased tuition fees would go primarily to student activities such as student government, the campus newspaper and yearbook, artists and lecturers series and an expanded intramural sports program.

The increased fees, Shipp said, "will be more in line with other fouryear campuses, but still below most." The difference in amounts between the new fee schedule for LSUS and that of the main campus is due, according to Dean Shipp, to assessments of student athletic fees, bonded fees for the student union at Baton Rouge, and fees to operate the infirmary there.

Disbursement of funds to the various campus agencies will be the same as in the past, according to Shipp, with the agencies submitting budgets of proposed needs, and the administration then allocating funds to the agencies after review and approval of the budget requests.

Hopes for Budget

The dean also said he is hopeful the legislature will approve the proposed five-year capital improvements budget during the next fiscal session. Included in the proposed capital outlay are the much needed \$2 million Student Center-Cafeteria complex; \$600,000 for utility and site work; \$1.5 million for a Health and Physical Education Building; \$2 million for a Business Administration and Education Building and \$300,000 to remodel the second floor of the library building.

Reminded that the construction foreman on the soon-to-be-completed Liberal Arts Building said construction would be finished and the building ready for occupancy by the university in late December, Shipp responded, "That's not true. Its a total impossibility."

Contract Completion Date

Shipp said the contract completion date, which was originally late February, had been put back to May because of labor troubles. "I think we'll be into it in May," he said, adding, "I hope we can get into it in March."

The dean said also that the time is right for cutting the umbilical cord of tradition binding LSUS to the main campus. He said it is time a mascot and school colors were chosen by the students of LSUS, and that moves should get underway to design a class ring for those who will be seniors next year. He said, too, that consideration should be given to the writing of an alma mater.

Action to choose a mascot and colors was begun by the Student Government Association as soon as it was learned that Shipp had authorized their selection.

What's Happened This Fall?

The Semester In Retrospect

Some semester this has been. Actually as we look back over these fall months, we have to retreat into the activities of late summer when the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education approved, after many postponements, four-year, degree-granting status for the university in the cottonpatch. And approval of four-year status heralded a first for the Almagest, our only banner headline.

In early fall our four-year curricula, with about 40 degrees in four colleges, was approved. This semester saw students and administrators working quietly, and confidentially, to secure hot food

service in the snack shack.

The LSUS and Southern University in Shreveport campuses initiated a student-faculty exchange program "intended as a nucleus from which, it is expected, will grow more cooperative efforts." according to the letter announcing the program. Cooperation is an item of which we could use much more these days.

Esmerelda Is A Man

Dr. Bobby Dowden, one of our biologists "par-excellence," tagged the name Ezmerelda Countyourcalories on the human skeleton in the biology department. Later, another of our fine biological faculty informed his colleague that Ezmerelda is a MALE!

And Clayton Williamson proposed pre-marital sex "only if you're a cow!" Wonder what he

meant by the term "cow?"

The Artists and Lecturers Committee this year, fortunately for the student body and culture, came through. We had the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in concert (through an act of Providence) at the Civic Center on the Riverfront. And to close the semester, a splendid performance by Alpha-Omega Players of Mark Twain's "The Diary of Adam and Eve." And Eve really didn't need that apple.

Agreement For A Change

A student opinion poll regarding abortion legalization was found by the pollster, Almagest Feature Editor Margie Parvino, to be "a great breakthrough in human relations," because the entire newspaper staff "finally agreed on something" Will wonders never cease!

Some great strides were made also by the Student Government Association and Delta Omicron

Mu, veteran's fraternity. Our first field day, under SGA sponsorship, proved a suitable climax to DOM's "POW/MIA Tribute Week." This latter event, we feel, did more to gain favorable publicity for LSUS within the community than any other event, or series of events, in our university's history. And there was our booth at the Louisiana State Fair that would not have been, had the SGA not footed the bill.

The "Freedom Tree," a live oak dedicated to the sacrifices of our prisoners of war and missing in action halfway around the world, was planted by DOM in cooperation with Lowe-McFarlane post of the American Legion. For their efforts during the week, all members of DOM merit thanks, but especially the fraternity's long-range planning committee, Charles Cornett, William Malone, Robert Mathis and Ed Sanders, whose labors can never be fully rewarded. Nor can those of Cid Chase who

will pour the concrete form to support the plaque commemorating the week's events.

Another "Second Coming"

We also had such marvelous (?) presentations as the second coming of Paul Coates (sorry, Ernie, for borrowing the idea). And accusations that the Almagest is censored, and a tool of the administration, have once again wriggled out of the mire of illiterate minds. Nothing could be more unrealistic or further from the truth. We are not now being censored, nor have we ever been. Rest assured, your newspaper editor would not sit still while his constitutional rights to a free press were usurped. From those we are answerable to, we have received tremendous encouragement, downright castigation and always welcome counsel, and for these we are forever thankful; especially to our faculty advisor, John Tabor.

In defense of your Almagest staff, please allow your editor this opportunity to offer a defense for them against charges that an opinion expressed by a single writer is the "Almagest opinion," meaning all editorial staff members of the newspaper share the same views. Often members of the student body and some misinformed members of the faculty refer to a comment in this vein. The family of LŚUS, students, faculty, and administration, are indeed fortunate that the Almagest staff almost never is in agreement on a subject. You are blessed with a staff of highly gifted, highly motivated, individualists who find it extremely difficult to even agree on where to have lunch (and we do quite often have lunch together, as a group). And this sort of individualism is precisely what your editor prefers. You do not wish your newspaper, we feel, to express a singular opinion, and when it appears that perhaps this is occurring, we hear about it.

Staff Works Long, Hard and Cheap Your staff works long, and hard, and for pathetically small wages. It is not uncommon for some of your staff to work six out of seven days in your behalf, giving up time they would prefer to spend with their spouses and children, or other family, and friends. But they do not complain. Yes, they get upset when they hear you slam the newspaper for one reason or another, but this simply spurs them on, reinstills their determination to do the job you expect them to do. And rightfully so.

You demanded a weekly newspaper, and through no small sacrifice you got it. Nobody had any idea what would be required to staff it (or if ideas were expressed, we didn't listen), and therefore this semester has been one of intense education for your Almagest staff. To a man, we have enjoyed

every moment of it (on this, we also can agree).

Again, if one may be permitted to deviate from the norm this once, your editor wishes to use this means to express his very great appreciation to your Almagest staff. They are a grand lot, individualists to a man, and jealously loyal to you, their readers, and here too, to a man. No finer, no more hard working, no more self-sacrificing group has ever been assembled, and we love them, -George M. Lawrence

Shire House: Great Place for a Bad Trip

Parallel to the rise of the use of drugs is the increase in popularity of so-called "crisis centers." These establishments could very well advertise themselves as "pseudo-clinics" for people on "bum trips" and "o. d." cases. Probably the most popular crisis center in this area is Shire House.

Recently this reporter had the opportunity to observe the people at Shire House in action (or rather inaction). During the Thanksgiving holidays a young lady "hit up" three tabs of the pink LSD currently in circulation in Shreveport. Fifteen minutes later she was screaming in agony. Every muscle ached, every nerve burned as she pleaded for someone to help her. She was shivering uncontrollably while on the verge of falling asleep. Seeking advice, a brother called Shire House and explained the problem.

"They Can't Understand"

"They can't understand why she's sleepy. LSD is supposed to be a stimulant," he said.

"What do you think we should do?" someone asked.

No one had any idea what to do for the girl, who was crying hysterically now. Only by keeping up a steady, if somewhat incoherent, dialogue with the girl was it possible to keep her awake. Finally, when it seemed that the situation was only getting worse, we decided to take her to Shire House, the place that boasts of trained help and staff doc-

Explained the Problem

When we arrived, there were three males and one female on duty. One of the young men led us to a bed in which the dazed girl was laid. I explained the problem. His only comment was, "We don't understand why she's sleepy."

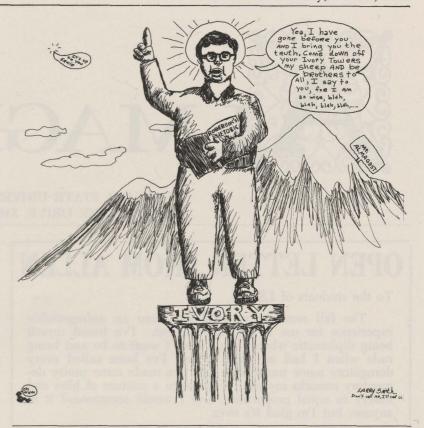
After that bit of encouragement,

he left the room and joined the other two males who hadn't even got up. Then the female took the girl's blood pressure and temperature. After that, she, too, left the room. Now the situation was the same as before, except that the frightened girl was now in a strange environment. Again, she was kept awake by a constant, virtually one - sided conversation.

About a half hour later she suddenly regained her senses. Able to walk, she insisted on leaving, as the "nurse' insisted that she stay. We left; with no more help from this "crisis center" than, "We don't understand."

And to think that these people have the nerve to ask for contributions to keep operating. Operating what?

-Larry Smith



SGA Suggests "Bronson" Building

Because of his support for the establishment of LSUS and its four-year status, the Student Government Association passed a resolution suggesting that the new Liberal Arts Building, now under construction, be named in honor of the late Shreveport Times Editor and Publisher, William H. Bronson.

Legislation establishing a student Bill of Rights Commission to write a student Bill of Rights was also passed. The proposed bill of rights will be submitted to the SGA for consideration. The commission will elect a chairman at its first meeting, to be called by the SGA president, no later than the third week of January, 1973.

Committee Membership

Committee membership will consist of two senators appointed by the Senate president, one student member appointed by the SGA president, one student member appointed by the Almagest editor, one student member appointed by the Bagatelle editor and two faculty members appointed by the Dean.

The SGA passed unanimously a resolution officially banishing Jerry Whisenhunt, an Almagest news reporter, from the SGA office and from S126. The resolution also declares Whisenhunt a "nonperson" and says he should be acknowledged no fur-

Another Meaning

Clayton Williamson, sophomore senator and author of the resolution told the Senate that, "There's some fun behind this but it's also got another meaning." Williamson further stated that Whisenhunt had taken pot shots at the SGA all semester through his Almagest editorials and had done nothing constructive. There was some argument about who would deliver the resolution to Whisenhunt. One member suggested it be in-

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scribed on a scroll and that everyone sign it. Bill Allen, SGA president, added to this suggestion by saying, "We'll entitle it 'We Get Letters."

"There is a Senate by-law which states that if five Senate meetings, or two consecutive Senate meetings are missed, impeachment proceedings can be brought against you," said Don Parker, SGA vice president. Impeachment proceedings are being brought against Jali Burrows, Ernie Kistler, George Leritte and Pat Harrington by 1/3 of all the senators. Williamson was named prosecuting

We Get Letters Bronson Tribute

Dear Editor:

William H. Bronson was indeed a giant among men. I came to appreciate his dedication and judgment in last year's fight for LSU-Shreveport's four-year status. His ability to grasp delicate situations and reach successful conclusions awed me.

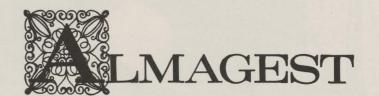
I can think of no finer tribute to his dedicated effort for our university than to name the soon-to-be-completed Liberal Arts Building in his honor.

Truly, this university would not exist except for the work of William H. Bronson. His love and accomplishments deserve such worthy recog-

> Sincerely. Ernie Roberson

George M. Lawrence

John Tabor



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GETTING INTO A JINGLE BELL MOOD are December's Almagest "Student Bodies," Bill Bragg and Jan McJunkins. Bill, a freshman predentistry major and past president of the Southwood student body, enjoys hunting and fishing.



JAN ONCE CHEERED the Jesuit Blue Flyers to victory. She is now spreading Christmas cheer. A freshman art education major, she is a women's libber who "loves to be pampered." (Porter's Cleaners gets the thanks for furnishing the setting.)



Old Timers Reflect on Past

By George M. Lawrence

The current and immediate past presidents of the Student Government Association, William C. (Bill) Allen and Ernie Roberson, said in an interview last week that LSUS has witnessed many swings in the pendulum of student involvement in the school's existence.

Allen said that when LSUS first opened her doors, the student body was comprised almost entirely of recently graduated high school seniors who were very much involved in campus life. The SGA, and other student activities, were run by students 18 and 19 years of age. Veterans were few and these most often were not involved in general campus life.

GI's Assert Themselves

Then the pendulum began to swing toward an apathetic student body; veterans back from Southeast Asia began to arrive by the dozens and these began to assert themselves in campus life. It was not long before GI's were in many positions of responsibility here.

"When I first came here," Ernie

said, "in the spring of 1969, that was when the four-year push really started. There was lots of optimism on the part of the students and the two service organizations, Circle K and Gamma. Then in the fall of 1969, both organizations fell apart.

Rubenstein Combats Apathy

A great mood of apathy began then and prevailed because there was no catalyst of leadership." Roberson attributed the sudden surge of apathy to the vetoing of a bill, by former Governor John J. McKeithen to establish a four-year college in Shreveport. The students began to realize then that this institution would only grow as it played politics."

Roberson said that Marvin Rubenstein, a former SGA president, was the first person to see that apathy need not exist at LSUS, and Rubenstein began to combat it by revising the SGA constitution so that a continuity of leadership would be provided for.

Senators On The Ball

"The summer of 1971 was the first time the SGA became involved in state politics," Roberson said, to which Allen added, "We had a big voter rally and voter registration drive on campus. We got about 10 students and maybe 15 faculty to show up." Roberson said that at this time student apathy had reached its apex. From here the pendulum would swing to involvement again.

That semester (summer 1971) was the turning point for SGA. The new senators elected that fall were highly motivated; weren't content with stock answers from faculty, administration, or student leaders," Roberson continued. At that time the senate had many veterans among its membership.

Administration Has Power

Allen said one of the problems facing SGA is that the students "don't seem to recognize that SGA is no more than a recommending body. That's all it is. We can come up with a good plan, take it to the administration, and if they say no or hold up, that's what happens. If we buck them, they wind up alienated and they could cut off our funds."

One thing the SGA should be allowed to do is generate its own funds, Roberson said. "An activity fee," Allen added, "is a good idea if students have complete disbursing powers over the money." Roberson remarked that the administration should only keep the books; they shouldn't be able to say no."



WHAT DOES SANTA WANT for Christmas? Jan McJunkins may be on any St. Nick's ten most wanted list. Sears has everything-well, almost.

Whim, Whit and Whizdom

By Margie Parvino

The break between semesters is an important time. It gives befuddled brains a chance to think things through—What am I doing? To what do I aspire? Who am I, anyway?

It breaks the mental humdrum of books, papers, deadlines, the chattering frenzy that accompanies emptiness. It permits friendships to rest—friendships that always take, friendships that echo with hollow helplessness.

When there is time I like to sit outdoors in a soft glow of darkness and feel alone. Feel the wind fan my hair. Watch the stars as they emerge undaunted from a cloud. Know that I am all I have and all I will ever have. Feel the warm trickle of a tear that is sponged up by the sand.

I like to drive along a lamp-lit highway, my car splitting the wind into gusty currents that blow their breath on the windows. The moon says, "Follow me," and the clack of the road asks, "Where are you rain?"

I bask in the tantalizing feeling of loneliness that comes from the urge to wander combined with the feeling of warmth in the knowledge that I'm not going anywhere. Between semesters "I've no deeds to do, no promises to keep."

Solitude perhaps cleanses the soul. It permits us to relocate values that pressures and tensions of school days have caused to become unaligned. The Christmas season gives us a chance to contemplate the Christ who lived 2,000 years ago. Not some helpless babe in a manger, but an undefeated man in the desert of humanity; a leather-skinned man who was empowered through solitude; a man who died because He was too strong to live and lives because He was too strong to die.

Perhaps this Christmas if we peer beyond the ornament and tinsel we will find something deeper. Searching hard enough, some of us may find the reality that comes from looking at ourselves through the eyes of solitude.

To close the semester I would like to commend the Artists and Lecturers Committee. "The Diary of Adam and Eve" delighted even those of us with the most undiscriminating tastes. Happy solitude!



SHOULD OLD ACQUAINTANCES BE FORGOT? Bill Allen and Ernie Roberson think not.



THE LSUS FACULTY BASKETBALL TEAM, I. to r., back row, is Charles Johnson, Dr. Frank Collins, Dr. Laurence Hardy and Dr. Carlos Spaht, II. Front row, I. to r., are Dr. James Bates, John Tabor and Dr. Joseph Goerner. Not pictured are Dr. Gary Brashier and Dr. Selvestion Jimes.

Faculty Men Fall in YMCA Play

The LSUS faculty team, members of the Central YMCA's "Over The Hill" Men's Basketball League, dropped their season opener Thursday, Nov. 30, 61-31.

The LSUS "oldies" were scheduled the LSUS cagers in fine fashion with to play Caddo Heights United Methodist Church, but the church team withdrew from the league at the last moment. Taking their place was the

Central Y team #2. They handled three of their starters scoring in dou-

Leading the LSUS quint was Dr.

Changes Made to Finals, Registration Schedules

The final exam schedule published in last week's Almagest contained several omissions or errors. The additions and corrections follow.

Classes held from 9-10 MWF and 9:30-10:30 TTh will be tested Tuesday, Dec. 12, 8-10 a.m.

Classes held 12-1 on Wednesday will take examination on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Classes held 2-3 MW will be tested Monday, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

TTh classes conducted from 8-9:30 a.m., will be tested Wednesday, Dec. 13, 8-10 a.m.

Examinations for TTh classes held 11-12:30 will be Monday, Dec. 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Registration times were also inadvertently omitted from last week's Almagest for the following students. All are scheduled Jan. 11.

9 a.m., Heo-Kei; 9:30 a.m., Kej-

Lov; 10 a.m., Low-Morg; 10:30 a.m., Morh-Phi; and 11 a.m., Phj-Ruh.

Training Session On Income Tax Set Saturday Morning

The Internal Revenue Service will conduct a training session on preparation of individual income tax returns Saturday, Dec. 9, according to Ken Owen, assistant accounting profes-

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium. The public may attend at no charge. Instructors for the course will be members of the IRS James D. Bates with 14 points; Charles Johnson added 10 points and eight

The downfall of the LSUS "old timers" came in the second and third quarters when they could manage only 11 points to 33 for the Y team. The Y-men also had a distinct height advantage, controlling the boards at both ends of the floor.

League games are scheduled for every Thursday night through Feb. Times for the games are 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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Bench (Re)marks



The basketball season is coming into full swing. The pros have been playing for more than a month, and the high school and college competition is now under way. It has been said that the game of basketball is America's one great contribution to the world of sports. But how did the sport come into being? Who is credited with the founding of basketball? It happened this way.

During the summer of 1890, the need for some new game arose at Springfield College (known as the International Y.M.C.A. Training School) in Springfield, Massachusetts. Young coaches and athletic directors had gathered there from many states for the summer term and all expressed complaints about the lack of interest in their winter gym classes. There was little interest in the gym curriculum of exercise and body-building work. So it was decided that a new indoor sport should be invented.

Dr. Naismith Invents Basketball

The problem was turned over to Dr. James Naismith, a Canadian instructor at the school, and a better man couldn't have been picked. First, he examined all outdoor sports, and noticed that the one thing that most had in common was that they used a ball that was driven, thrown or struck toward a goal. So he decided to start his new sport with a

Second, he noticed that the most popular team sports featured body contact and hard running, both of

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which would be dangerous in a gym with a hardwood floor. The game would have to be slowed down somehow, with no free, hard running and a minimum of body contact. Also, he noticed that the roughest play occurred when one team was near another's goal.

Solutions to the Problems

His solutions to these problems were to use a large, light-weight ball, like a soccer ball, and make it illegal to run with the ball or to gain possession of the ball by brute force. As for the rough play around the goals, eliminate it by placing the goals over the players' heads.

The dribble was originally a defensive maneuver. When a player had possession of the ball and was so closely guarded he had to get rid of it, either by rolling or bouncing the ball. Players finally realized that by bouncing the ball rapidly they could control it quite well.

Rules Printed in 1892

It wasn't until 1892 that the school paper first put the rules of the game in print under the title, "A New Game." The first set of printed rules signalled the rapid spread of basketball to all parts of the United States and throughout Europe and South America. American soldiers introduced basketball to the Philippines in 1900 and the army of the occupation taught the game to the Germans during World War I.

However, it wasn't until 1936 that basketball got its biggest international boost in the infamous "Hilter's Olympics." Basketball had finally arrived as a major sport.

The game is typically American. Someone was given a problem, he analyzed it, considered the alternatives, and came up with a solution. It sounds simple, but what would you do if someone ordered you to invent a new team game.

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